

The Service Set

Military Is Outnumbered

By Winzola McLendon

THE MILITARY had the civilians on the march last night. Down at the Ft. Lesley J. McNair Officers' Club, General and Mrs. Omar Bradley gave a party "just to see a lot of good friends." And among their more than 400 guests, less than 10 per cent were military.



Mrs. McLendon

At the same time across the river at Bolling Air Force Base, Officers' Club, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Reuben Hood were entertaining at the Commanding General's annual reception for Washington civic leaders.

"Everyone the Bradleys know is here today," stated one guest as he surveyed the upstairs ballroom of the McNair Club. But that wasn't true. Mrs. Bradley said that she kept looking around and remembering friends she had forgotten to ask.

Arriving early at the Bradleys and going to the Hoods was Mrs. Perle Mesta. The Edgar Morris and her mother, Mrs. A. T. Jergins of California and Texas, were also among those making both parties, as were Jack Logan (he was going on to a third) and Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Charles Pierre Cabell.

Receiving with the Bradleys during the first part of the evening was her sister, Mrs. Wayne Stewart of Oregon, while nearby were their son-in-law and daughter, the Benjamin Dorseys.

Dressed to go on to dinner were Col. and Mrs. M. Robert Guggenheim (her blue

and white silk gown a perfect background for her magnificent diamond circled sapphire pin). From Embassy Row there were Greek Ambassador Melas who was chatting with Senator Leverett Saltonstall; Turkish Ambassador and Mme. Ugurlu, a foursome with the Roy St. Lewises; Saudi Arabian Ambassador Al-Kharyal, Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Eban; Belgian Ambassador and Baroness Silvercruys, and Mrs. Carlos Romulo, wife of the Philippine Ambassador.

TALL Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy was in the crowd. Mrs. Merriweather Post was there, as were the Eugene Meyers, the Conger Pratts, Prentiss Coonley, Mrs. Alben Barkley and the Bernard Gallaghers.

Among others were Bob Grey who takes over Max Rabb's job at the White House this month; Mrs. Bill MacCracken, the Floyd Akers, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Marvin Braverman, and Mrs. Lesley J. McNair. Then there were Senator Mike Monroney, the Les Biffles, Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, Admiral Emory Land, and Pakistani Maj. Gen. M. Hayaud-Din who left early to be host at his own dinner party.

Conversation pieces at the Hoods party at Bolling was the array of unusual and delectable cocktail tid-bits. There were bite size pieces of boned chicken cooked in sherry wine and cherry heering; fried frogs' legs, grape leaves wrapped around meat and rice then marinated in creme de cacao; hot stuffed mushrooms and a dozen or more other delightful items.

Clarence Arata, executive director Greater National

Capital Committee of the Washington Board of Trade, was there with Mrs. Arata. Henry Burroughs, Chairman of the 1958 Cherry Blossom Committee, came by, as did Orville Crouch, Mrs. William Galvin, Executive Secretary of the Armed Services Hospitality Committee; Mrs. Wade Haislip, wife of the Superintendent of the U. S. Soldiers Home; Edward J. Kelly, who retired yesterday as Superintendent of the National Capital Parks, and Mrs. Kelly; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bralove and the James De Forces.

Among Gen. and Mrs. Hood's Air Force guests were Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Manuel Asensio, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. "Blackie" Rogers (she is a WAF major), Maj. Gen. and Mrs. William Fisher, who arrived in Washington yesterday from Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts; Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Lucas Beau, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John Van Houten, and Maj. Bill Lookado, back in town for duty after an absence of several years.